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Afghanistan, Algeria, Andorra, Austria, Bangladesh, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, Greece, Honduras, Kenya, Luxembourg, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sudan, Turkey and Uruguay: draft resolution

Policies and programmes involving youth

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 50/81 of 14 December 1995, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond,

Recalling also its resolutions 49/152 and 49/154 of 23 December 1994,

Reaffirming the importance of involving youth and youth organizations in all matters of concern to them,

Welcoming the report of the World Youth Forum of the United Nations system on its second session, convened by the United Nations, in partnership with the Austrian Federal Youth Council, and held at Vienna from 25 to 29 November 1996,

Noting that the third session of the World Youth Forum, convened by the United Nations, in partnership with the Portuguese National Youth Council, will be held at Braga, Portugal, from 2 to 6 August 1998,

Reiterating the call, in paragraph 112 of the Programme of Action, to all States that have not already done so to formulate and adopt an integrated national youth policy, in consultation with youth and youth-related organizations,

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1. Takes note with appreciation of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond;[1]

2. Calls upon all Member States to undertake all possible efforts to implement the World Programme of Action;

3. Stresses again the importance of the active and direct participation of youth and youth organizations at the local, national, regional and international levels in promoting and implementing the Programme of Action and in evaluating the progress achieved and the obstacles encountered in its implementation, and of the need to support the activities of youth mechanisms that have been set up by youth and youth organizations;

4. Welcomes the initiative of the Government of Portugal to host a World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth, to be held at Lisbon from 8 to 12 August 1998, and takes note with appreciation of the ongoing collaboration between the Government of Portugal and the United Nations, including its agencies, funds and programmes, in that regard;

5. Stresses the need to involve youth and youth organizations in all stages of preparation for the World Conference, at the local, national, regional and international levels, and welcomes initiatives taken in that respect;

6. Acknowledges the activities undertaken at the regional level in preparation for the World Conference;

7. Recommends that the results of the World Youth Forum at its second and third sessions be duly taken into account at the World Conference;

8. Reiterates the call made in the Programme of Action to Member States to include youth representatives in their delegations to the General Assembly and other relevant United Nations meetings, thus broadening the channels of communication and enhancing the discussion of youth-related issues, and requests the Secretary-General to convey this invitation to Member States;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to make the reports of the World Youth Forum at its third session and of the World Conference available to all Member States;

10. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution and, in particular, on progress made in the implementation of the World Programme of Action.

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[1] A/52/60-E/1997/6.